



REGULAR MEETING

May 8, 2006

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kim Hoagland at 9:03 a.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Present: Commissioners

Kathryn Eckert, At-Large (via phone from Leland,MI)
Kim Hoagland, At-Large
Sue Cone, Village of Calumet
Bob Langseth, Houghton County
Paul Lehto, Calumet Township
Clyde Raasio, Quincy and Franklin Townships

Keweenaw National Historical Park

Frank Fiala, Superintendent
Tom Baker, Management Assistant
Steve DeLong, Landscape Architect
Abby Sue Fisher, Chief of Museum, Archives & Historical Services
Kathleen Harter, Chief of Interpretation and Education
Brian Hoduski, Museum Curator
Jo Urion, Historian
John Rosemurgy, Historical Architect
Dan Johnson, Quincy Unit Interpretive Specialist
Betsy Rossini, Administrative Officer
Kathy Baker, Budget Analyst
Jeremiah Mason

Recording Secretary

Melissa Davis

Guests

Jill Burkland, Isle Royale Natural History Association
Julie Sprenger, Laurium Manor Inn
Dave Bishop, Ontonagon Historical Society
Jane Nordberg, Daily Mining Gazette
Ed Yarbrough, Quincy Mine Hoist Association
Kristine Bradhoff
Amy Wisti, Congressman Stupak's Office
Jim Boyce
Joseph Mihal

Catalina Oyler

Absent:

Tom Nemacheck, State of Michigan

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Hoagland and seconded by Raasio to approve the agenda.

Motion carried unanimously. (6/0)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Langseth and seconded by Lehto to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2006 meeting, pending grammatical changes to be adjusted by Melissa Davis.

Motion carried unanimously. (6/0)

V. BUSINESS

A. PARK REPORTS:

1. **KATHLEEN HARTER, Chief of Interpretation & Education** (see Index 1 for details)
 - a) Hired two interpreters for Quincy Unit Information desk: Chuck Palosaari and Michelle Bosscher.
 - b) Keweenaw has received funding for a 12-week SCA from the National Park Foundation: the student intern will develop a Junior Ranger Program.
 - c) Interpretation will be presenting an afternoon workshop at the Heritage Sites Meeting on Wednesday, May 16, 2006.
 - d) Park brochure continuing: (Kathleen presented a color version for the board) **comments are due from the Advisory Commission by Thursday, May 11, 2006.**
 - e) Interpretation will host 300 Boy Scouts on Saturday, May 20, 2006, for their 'Superior Rocks' merit badge.
 - f) Downtown Calumet self-guided walking tour brochure: (Kathleen presented a layout of the design). Isle Royale Natural History Association has committed to funding.
 - g) Interpretation has been assisting with the development of Civic and Commercial District Design Guidelines for the Calumet Historic District Commission.
 - h) Website conversion due date has been postponed until July 2006.
 - i) Attended presentation at CLK, where students created a booklet for Scholastic Books competition; could potentially be a sales item.

2. ABBY SUE FISHER, Chief of Museum, Archives, and Historical

Services (see Index 2 for details)

- a) Fire Suppression system being installed by RC Mechanical.
- b) Fourth Annual High School Local History Smackdown was a huge success; future features include 'The Union Building Restored' on June 22, and 'History of Central Church' on July 27.
- c) Jo Union is working on Oral History Transcription project (21 transcripts) and the Cultural Landscape Report planning.
- d) Brian Hoduski reformatting preservation negatives for the Petermann Photograph Collection.
- e) Catalina Oyler has started as an intern through the Great Lakes Research and Education Center for 12 weeks.
- f) Two Student Career Experience Program are returning and converting to full-time employees: Jeremiah Mason and Kit Murley.

3. STEVE DELONG, Landscape Architect – Preservation Services Division

- a) Cultural Landscape Report is underway, working on the history component. With advisement through the Midwest Region Office, and one PhD candidate from MTU in the Industrial Archaeology program. Meeting with a pre-qualified architecture engineering firm to further define what needs to happen.
- b) Ongoing projects include fire suppression, interior rehabilitation of General Office Building, Union Building is being wrapped up with punch-list items; Quincy Mine Office roof.
- c) Historic Structures Reports for Library and the Quincy Mine Office are ongoing through Lynn Bjorkman and John Rosemurgy.
- d) Mobilization of employees for seasonal summer work: masons, Youth Conservation Corps crew.
- e) Partnership with Quincy Mine Hoist Association to stabilize six small frame structure miner's homes on U.S. 41 through the course of the summer.
- f) Unigrd brochure
- g) Landscape concepts for the new River Valley State Bank in partnership with Main Street Calumet and the park.
- h) Input on the non-motorized discussion has been occurring on whether to have a dedicated trail or widen the shoulders between Hancock and Lake Linden.
- i) Attended required training over the last quarter, PMIS and Supervisory, to meet in-house requirements.
- j) Shepherding the Calumet Sign application through to Michigan Department of Transportation, expecting a response shortly.
- k) Participating in the Comprehensive Interpretive Plan.
- l) Hosting a geology workshop in the park with the assistance of the Interpretive Division.

The Advisory Commission committed to writing a letter of support to the permitting agent at the TSC in Ishpeming office of MDOT about the signage for the highways. The proposal was submitted some time ago and the park has asked several times for a response. The park can proceed once they hear an okay. The contact is Jeff Rautiola. Cone offered to place a call to them in addition to the Commission's letter. DeLong will supply the Commission with contact information.

4. **TOM BAKER, Management Assistant** (see Index 3)
 - a) Completed environmental compliance requirements for History Center's fire suppression system and the interior rehab of General Office Building.
 - b) Begun compliance on Quincy Housing stabilization project and the motorist guidance signs.
 - c) Waiting on word from Washington on pending appointments, should receive notification within a few weeks.
 - d) Keweenaw Heritage Sites program development is moving forward toward completion; solicited and compiled comments from the current sites, met with park staff to consider those comments and respond to them. Revised the program documents and forwarded them to the Commission's Partnerships Committee. The Spring Meeting for the sites is Tuesday, May 16 at 10:00 a.m., held at St. Anne's.
 - e) Begun research and development of protocols and guidelines for the Advisory Commission, referred to as 'operating procedures' from now on. Requesting that the Commission convene a committee to assist in the development of these operating procedures.

Hoagland agreed to appoint a committee.

5. **FRANK FIALA, Park Superintendent**
 - a) National Parks and Conservation Association is doing a Great Lakes Park Assessment of the natural and cultural resources. KEWE hosted the group for a cultural resources evaluation on April 11, 2006. A report of the findings will be forthcoming later this year.
 - b) Attended a 'Public Lands Day' in Duluth. Isle Royale and the Isle Royale Natural History Association was in attendance as well.
 - c) The park is contracting to replace the slate roof, repair work on the porch and exterior wood work at the Quincy Pay Office.
 - d) Goal is to complete the interior rehab of the General Office Building by the 15th Anniversary of the park in October of 2007 so it can be dedicated as the first fully restored building for park purposes.
 - e) Trying to get projects to complete the exterior rehab on the second and third floor windows of the Union Building, and also a temporary heating system until money is obtained to restore the system.
 - f) YCC program has announcements out to recruit four high school students with two project leaders coming from both YCC and the Public Lands Program. It is expected to start in early June and run for an eight-week session.
 - g) Preliminary budget figures for FY2007 are out: the House Subcommittee put out its budget and looks good for the NPS. There is no indication of when that action will be addressed by the Senate.

- h) Attended the Michigan Historic Preservation Network Conference in Saginaw in mid-April. The next annual conference will be the first weekend in May on Mackinac Island. Fiala encouraged a strong attendance at the conference. KEWE will participate in the planning, putting together several workshops.

B. COMMISSION REPORTS

1. BUDGET

- a) Cone passed out a statement of revenues and expenses, including a list of bills to be approved.

Moved by Lehto, seconded by Langseth to approve the bills as presented.

Motion carried unanimously. (6/0)

- b) Regarding corporate resolution from Range Bank; Cone has been signing as treasurer, and pointed out the need for a secretary.

Moved by Langseth, seconded by Lehto to nominate Raasio as financial secretary for banking purposes.

Motion carried unanimously. (6/0)

- c) Hoagland addressed funding: to obtain a secure stream of funding, the park requested an appropriation for statutory aid in FY'07. The commission supported it with letters, and commissioners have been rounding up letters of support. To enable the commission to raise money, the process has been started to incorporate as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit; developing articles of incorporation and bylaws. The commission members will also serve as the board of directors. The Advisory Commission summer meeting will tie in a workshop to identify possible projects for funding, so the Commission would like to hear from the park and the Heritage Sites, and identify possible projects to fund.

2. PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Report of the Partnership Committee for Heritage Sites was presented to park staff and the audience. (see index 4) Langseth reported that they reviewed the comments from the Heritage Sites and from the park staff and then met with four representatives from four sites. Langseth asked QUESTION: Have the questions raised by the Hanka Homestead relative to the underlying motivations for this process been addressed?

RESOLUTION # 1

WHEREAS the Partnership Committee has reviewed the written responses from the sites, met with representatives of sites who requested such plus taken under advisement the comments by the park staff we ask all concerned to carefully consider the following conclusions and recommendations; namely

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- d) We move adoption of the Criteria, Evaluation and Application forms as revised in accordance with the above resolution.

Moved by Langseth, seconded by Cone to adopt the Criteria, Evaluation and Application forms as revised in accordance with the above resolution.

Motion carried unanimously. (6/0)

Resolution 2:

WHEREAS the Heritage Sites will now have a checklist of uniform standards and criteria which they shall submit to the Commission and to the Park; and,
 WHEREAS the sites are asking what the benefits are of being Heritage Sites on behalf of the KNHP and what they can expect from the Park in return for being a supplier of visitor experiences.

THEREFORE:

- a) We recommend that the KNHP put in writing what benefits and commitments the sites can expect from the Park and that the response be available for review prior to the next quarterly meeting of the Commission.
- b) We move the adoption of this resolution.

Moved by Langseth, seconded by Cone to adopt the above resolution.

Motion carried unanimously. (6/0)

3. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

- **Paul Lehto:**

- 1. Thanked Main Street Calumet for a \$25,000 matching grant to replace the furnace and adding a handicapped access at the Armory;
- 2. Adding 280 acres to Swedetown properties;
- 3. Drill shop repairs;
- 4. Lighting project at St. Anne's for the Smithsonian Foods Exhibit in 2007;
- 5. Running water toilets at Calumet Waterworks Park;
- 6. \$500,000 neighborhood grant in Blue Jacket, which includes façade work on 5th & 6th Streets.

- **Sue Cone:**

- 1. DDA awarded 11 grants for downtown properties – \$1,000 matching grants, two are for façades and 9 are for building rehabilitation;

Other projects include:

2. Milling and repaving Oak Street from 6th to 7th
 3. Replacements of sidewalks and historic lighting; the downtown
 4. River Valley Bank Building project is coming along – repaving sidewalk in the summer, interior work has yet to be bid;
 5. Agassiz Park grant will be resubmitted; submitted MCACA matching grant of \$50,000 for the Calumet Theatre tuck pointing and leaking roof drain;
 6. Fiala submitted a Save America’s Treasure grant for \$300,000 – needs another \$300,000 matching grant.
 7. There was damage to the slate roof on the town hall side of the building this winter from the snow.
- **Clyde Raasio:**
 1. Townships are submitting letters of support for the commission’s requested \$250,000 direct appropriation.
 2. Quincy Township has a new supervisor, Glen North;
 3. Franklin Township is continuing work on Brownfield Project. Asked about the Park’s plans for signage and an interpretive trail at the Quincy Mine Ruins site.
 - **Robert Langseth:**
 1. Working with county on support letters; at St. Anne’s – working on back windows, balcony and lighting;
 2. Expanding programs and funding;
 3. Mentioned columnist Susan Agar from the Detroit Free Press who is touring the state to discover people, sites and events that are significant to the State of Michigan.

Julie Sprenger offered to bring it up before the Keweenaw Convention and Visitors Bureau – Donna or Nancy. She will let Langseth know about their feedback.
 - **Kathryn Eckert:**

Will meet with the Americana Foundation Project in Philadelphia for two projects in Lake Linden being reviewed for funding: stage two of masonry repair for Lake Linden Village Hall and for MTU to prepare a National Register nomination for all of Lake Linden.
 - **Kim Hoagland:**
 1. Received funding from the Americana Foundation for the National Register nomination for Mason, submitted in late March - the Michigan National Register Coordinator will be up at the end of the month to look at it and other possibilities including the WPA stone boat in Wolverine;
 2. “Key Ingredients Exhibit” will meet 7:00 May 22 at Keweenaw Heritage Center at St. Anne’s.

II. REPORTS/COMMENTS FROM LEGISLATIVE STAFF

1. Amy Wisti: the congressman has a new legislative staff person working with the Department of the Interior, Mr. Jamie Euken. The congressman said they are in ‘wait and see’ mode about appropriation requests going forward.

III. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. **Jill Burkland, Isle Royale Natural History** : *The Ingot* has been printed; they have committed to printing the Calumet Walking Tour Brochure; soliciting members to do a week-long service project removing brush on Quincy Hill this summer; she presented an award for the Industrial Calumet Walking Tour Guide from the Association of Partners for Public Lands to Dan Johnson and other interpretive staff, which won first place in the Maps and Guides Competition.
2. **Julie Sprenger, Laurium Manor Inn**: renovation of the carriage house for a room; stabilizing turntable; Victorian Hall will have an open house on June 11 from 1:00 to 3:00 for its 100th Anniversary; Laurium Nomination is available to make applications online at their website; Society of American Travel Writers will take a side trip to the Keweenaw and Isle Royale on June 11, Kathleen Harter will be their tour guide.
3. **Kristine Bradhoff**: the next quarterly meeting of the Western U.P. Heritage Trail Network will be in Houghton/Keweenaw County area ~~is~~ on June 8 at 11:00 a.m. the location is of which is open to suggestion; they are working on interpretive signs for the area, that meeting is at 10:00.
4. **Ed Yarbrough, Quincy Mine Hoist Association**: New exhibits on bats created by Bat Conservation, also a food ways exhibit as a satellite to the “Key Ingredients” exhibit, in particular the restoration of a kitchen and living room of the saltbox house, a look at food ways in a miner’s house; two grants are pending for the Quincy Roundhouse – restoration of a locomotive, and stabilization of the building; DeLong is assisting in the replacing of signage; Rosemurgy is assisting in the stabilization of ten miners' houses. Harter and Johnson will be conducting a one-day intensive staff training on interpretation.
5. **Joseph Mihal**: Bandsaw from 1895 – 1905 donated by John Sibilsky – Stuart through ‘Experience Works’ repaired it and will be at Coppertown in operation with Rastello Shoe Shop exhibit next month.

IV. ADJOURNMENT; NEXT MEETING

Moved by Langseth, and seconded by Cone to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously (6/0)

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on August 1, 2006 the site of which has yet to be determined.

These unapproved minutes are respectfully submitted by

Melissa Davis

June 9, 2006

Index 1

Kathleen Harter: May 9, 2006 Interpretation & Education Update

1. The 2006 park newspaper has been completed and distribution has begun.
-staff-wide effort in writing the articles and assistance from Jo Urion in editing with Dan doing the design, layout, and photography.
-30,000 printed this year versus 50,000 printed last year due to budget constraints
-printed by the Isle Royale Natural History Association
2. Completed Union Building window exhibits are up and will remain there throughout the summer season. Huge thanks to Ken Kipina for building the support frame to house the exhibit and museum and preservation services for the use of artifacts and assisting with editing.
3. Two interpreters have been hired for the Quincy Information Desk. They will work the first week of June through Labor Day and weekends in the fall. They are Chuck Palosaari and Michelle Bosscher, both having previously worked at the Quincy Mine and now currently teaching. They will be staffing the information desk seven days a week in addition to conducting interpretive programs in the Calumet and Quincy Units – the program schedule can be viewed on the back page of the park newspaper.
4. Dan has continued to assist with the 4th Thursday in History effort through the creation of the posters announcing the series along with numerous graphic posters and a banner for the Smackdown.
5. Keweenaw National Historical Park was one of 25 parks selected by the National Park Foundation to receive a 12 week SCA (student conservation association) intern. This intern will work with Kathleen to create activities for a park Junior Ranger booklet. Funding must still be obtained for the book to be illustrated, designed, and printed.
6. Comprehensive Interpretive Planning meetings began in March and will conclude in late June. The meetings have been well attended by park staff, occasional commission and heritage site members, and some public participants.
7. The afternoon meeting of the Heritage Sites will be focused on Interpretation & Education as the park explains the work being done on the CIP and how heritage sites are connected. This session will last from 1-4:00 p.m. on May 16, 2006.
8. Work continues on the park brochure with the Harpers Ferry Design Center – comments are to be provided to Kathleen or Dan by Tuesday, May 9, 2006.
9. The interpretation division will be hosting a group of about 200 Boy Scouts on Saturday, May 20th as they learn about local history and Leave No Trace.
10. Interpretive trainings are being offered to all Heritage Sites in June – there are also interpretation training video tapes available for check out at any time.
11. Work continues on the Calumet self-guided walking tour brochure.
12. Dan will be instructing a Fundamentals course June 12-16, 2006.
13. Dan assisted by Gary Kaunonen has completed a draft layout of the Civic and Commercial District Design Guidelines for the Calumet Historic District Commission. John Rosemurgy is now reviewing the draft for any changes needed.
14. Transfer of the park's website over to a new web system will begin in July. Dan will be working on this process for much of late June and July.

Division of Museum, Archives & Historical Services UPDATE
9 May 2006

Highlights

1. It is a busy time for construction across the street. A fire suppression system is being installed in the Library Building. As a result, we will not be giving tours or providing research services for the next 90 days. We're occupying the building during installation and will have 2 days notice if we need to move museum collections and there will be some disruption of our work but we'll do the best we can.

We also are on line for a life safety and accessibility project to relocate and replace boilers and upgrade restrooms.

2. The Fourth Annual High School Local History Smackdown was a huge success with 275 attending. The winning team is the Boonedocks from Baraga. This event takes hours of preparation and coordination so kudos to all those who helped make it a success. Jo Brian, Ellen, Dan and Frank did an amazing job, especially since I had to leave town for a family emergency and could not attend. We're busy writing thank you's to our sponsors but here's an informal thank you to the Advisory Commission for donating the savings bonds to the winning team and Kim for being a judge.

The future FTH events include Powwow History and Regalia on May 25; The Union Building Restored on June 22; and the History of Central Church on July 27th.

3. Jo has been managing the oral history transcription project (21 transcripts) in addition to conducting interviews. She has been assisting Steve with the Cultural Landscape Report planning.

Outreach continues for all of us--Jo gave 3 history presentations to local middle schools; I gave a talk to the Houghton Keweenaw County Genealogical Society on Copyright Basics. Brian and I were planning to give a workshop on Organizing Archival Records this month but are postponing the workshop until this September or October due to the construction project.

4. Brian is making a big push on the Petermann Photograph collection, which is scheduled for reformatting into preservation negatives at the Northeast Document Conservation Center. The collection contains 6,100 nitrate negatives that are flammable and considered hazardous waste. Each negative needs to be housed in individual envelopes and labeled before we courier them to be packed and shipped as HAZMAT. The shipping is scheduled for July. Brian is also busy with the CLK Foresight Records Collection.
5. Catalina Oyler started a 12-week stint with us yesterday, She has been awarded an internship through the Great Lakes Research and Education Center Internship. Cat will be working with Jo to conduct research about the prehistoric and historic uses of copper.

6. I completed an evaluation of museum collection in storage and on exhibit for Ontonagon County Historical Museum in a report they can use for reference and justification for funding. In February, I conducted a site visit to Copper Range Historical Society to help with them with storage recommendations.
7. We're bringing on our two Student Career Experience Program employees this summer: Kit Murley will continue as a Museum Technician and Jeremiah Mason will be our Archivist. Both are recent university graduates of programs that complement their positions.
8. Joseph Mihal and Stuart Baird are both back at Coppertown. They accomplished a tremendous amount of work for us. Joseph cataloged all our library books and entered them on ProCite. Brian is working with a servicewide coordinator to get our catalog records in order to put up on web voyager so everyone will be able to see what we have in our library collection.
9. Kris Antcliff and Audrey Frair have been working on the Calumet Theatre Archives in space we are providing across the street. They will be with us through the summer.
10. Brain, Jo and Ellen have been working on the park Central file project. The goal is to organize files prior to the rehabilitation on the General Office Building. There are approximately two linear feet of Advisory Commission records in our central files.
11. We continue to process incoming accessions and work with the collections in addition to providing research services, housekeeping, environmental monitoring, participating in the CIP process, reviewing the park newsletter and unigrid.



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U.S. Department of the Interior

Index 3
Tom Baker

Keweenaw NHP Management Assistant Report

I have been working with the park's Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) to complete environmental compliance requirements for the Keweenaw History Center Fire Suppression System and the General Office Building Interior Rehab; we have also begun the compliance actions required for the Quincy Housing Stabilization project and the Motorist Guidance Signs to be placed on US-41 directing visitors to Calumet's historic downtown district. This action will set compliance precedence for future sign placement, especially those directing visitors to the Keweenaw Heritage Sites throughout the Copper Country.

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After receiving direction from the Superintendent and a group of the commissioners during a March 23 meeting, I have begun research and development of protocols and guidelines for the Advisory Commission, which I will refer to as 'operating procedures' from now on. I am, at this time, requesting that the Commission convene a committee to assist me in the development of these operating procedures. I have developed a framework and some preliminary verbiage as a starting point, and I would like to continue to work in consultation with the committee.

This concludes my report.

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